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FOR PATENT APPLICATION

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name,

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled "Process For Producing Dried Singulated Crosslinked Cellulose Pulp Fibers," the specification of which

☒ [ X ] is attached hereto.

☐ [ ] was filed on \_\_\_\_\_ as Application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_.

☐ [ ] and was amended on \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable).

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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

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